

# SALUEZ LE SABOTEUR

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CHENIN BLANC \ BLANC FUMÉ \ VIOGNIER  
750 mL \ 12.5% VOL

2023  
UNLEASHED

This is a salute to the Saboteurs!

The Anarchists. The Revolutionaries. To those who break the rules and defy the status quo. The Craftsmen. The Artists. The Pioneers. Those who do not bow down and conform; nor blindly accept. Those whose passion bleeds through their art. The Pioneers who forge ahead with insight, wisdom and vision, challenging the norm and questioning convention. Those who are driven by their knowledge and their belief in a better way. Those who stand up to be counted! Luddites, fight your cause, provoke, remonstrate, interrogate. Be true to yourselves, your art, your craft. Lead the way.

Unite! - Saluez Le Saboteur!

## Saboteur 2023 White Blend

As the Luddite Saboteur White gains more following, we continue to grow this wine always keeping quality in mind. So, with this said, this is the first vintage where we sourced fruit from Standford which still keeps the wine to the Cape South Coast region. Very tricky harvest as it rained heavily but luckily, we picked early for freshness and acidity, therefore missing the rain.

We continue to have skin contact on the Chenin and Viognier to give some tannin, texture and structure to the wine. Both varietals spent 12 days on skins with morning and evening punch-downs. We then pressed, taking as much lees and sediment to barrel to complete the fermentation. We also did a small portion of tank fermentation Chenin Blanc for extra primary fruit. The Sauvignon Blanc is whole-bunch pressed and pumped directly to barrel without settling to ferment. All the components spent 7 months in old French Oak barrels with regular batonnage.

We racked and blended the 3 components, always having food and drinkability in mind. The 2023 blend is 77% Chenin Blanc, 13% Blanc Fumé and 10% Viognier. We hope that we have continued to achieve our goal which is to have a serious, well-structured yet refreshingly fruity white wine.

### Grapes were sourced from four vineyard sites:

Bot River, Barton Chenin Blanc harvested 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Bot River, Gabriëlskloof Viognier harvested 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Standford, Standford Hills Chenin Blanc harvested 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Elgin, Elgin Ridge Sauvignon Blanc harvested 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Average analysis of fruit at harvest

22.0° Balling, TA – 6.8 g/l, pH – 3.36

### Tasting Notes

Appearance: Pale straw in colour.

Nose: Pronounced nose with floral sweet fruit, honey, peach and almonds.

Palate: Rich mouthfeel with subtle tannins and pithiness from skin contact. White peach, honey blossoms with a salty and herbaceous finish.

### Analysis of the wine

Alcohol: 12.5%      pH: 3.46      TA: 5.95 g/l      RS: 1.6 g/l

20 300 bottles of this vintage were produced (crown cap & 515 magnums)

Tasting notes dated 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023.